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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PANMUNJOM NEGOTIATIONS

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

REF: (A) CINCUNC 011335Z, (B) SEOUL 6920; (C) SEOUL 6919;

(D) SEOUL 6914

1. WE ARE PREPARED TO AGREE TO NORTH KOREA TEXT REF B WITH EMB/CINCUNC REVISIONS REF A EXCEPT THAT WE WOULD PREFER THAT PROPOSED MINUTE (REF A PARA 7) BE INCORPORATED INTO TEXT AS NEW PARAGRAPH AT END OF SUPPLEMENT TO PARA D ARTICLE II OF HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT (PARA 3 REF B). IN THE EVENT OF NEGOTIATING DIFFICULTY WITH SPECIFIC LANGUAGE, BELIEVE YOUR FORMULATION COULD BE ACCEPTABLY ABBREVIATED AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE THIS PARAGRAPH D IS WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE RIGHTS PROVIDED UNDER ARTICLE I, PARAGRAPH 11 OF THE MILITARY ARMISTICE AGREEMENT.

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UNQUOTE.

2. AS ALTERNATIVE FALLBACK POSITION, WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO AGREE TO USE OF YOUR PROPOSED MINUTE PROVIDED THAT IT IS CLEAR THAT MINUTE WILL APPEAR AS PART OF THE FINAL DOCUMENT.

3. IF YOUR PROPOSED TEXT IS USED (WHETHER AS PART OF AGREEMENT OR MINUTE), YOU SHOULD INCLUDE SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO ARTICLE I, PARAGRAPH 11 OF MILITARY ARMISTICE AGREEMENT.

4. ALSO, PLEASE INSERT AT END OF PARA B, ARTICLE III (PARA 4 REF B) THE FOLLOWING:
QUOTE: TO ASSURE THE OBSERVANCE OF SAFETY ASSURANCES UNDER PARAGRAPH D, ARTICLE II, NEITHER SIDE SHALL ERECT VISUAL OR OTHER BARRIERS THAT WOULD OBSTRUCT OBSERVANCE OF THE OTHER SIDE.

5. SINCE REF A SUPERCEDES REF D, IN THE INTEREST OF TIME, WE ARE NOT ADDRESSING REF D IN THIS CABLE EXCEPT TO SAY THAT WE GREATLY PREFER APPROACH PARA 7 REF A TO APPROACH PARA 5 REF D FOR RESOLVING MAC FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT PROBLEM AND WE DO NOT REPEAT NOT CONSIDER THAT APPROACH PARA 5 REF D (REPEAT REF D) WOULD BE ADEQUATE PROTECTION.

6. ANY AGREEMENT ON OVERALL TEXT SHOULD BE AD REFERENDUM TO PERMIT FINAL REVIEW HERE AS WELL AS TO ALLOW TIME FOR PREPARATION PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE AND COOPERATION WITH ROKG.

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